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In re application of : Confirmation No. 8750  
Kanji HATA et al. : Docket No.00177/527415  
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**COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS  
AND METHOD, AND COMPONENT  
MOUNTING EQUIPMENT**

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 31, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

**Please replace the title of the invention with the following title:**

**— A COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS —.**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 29, 31 and 33 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.**

**Please amend claim 18 as follows:**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to a telephone conference with Examiner Paul Kim on July 15, 2003 attached hereto is a copy of the Amendment which was filed with the U.S. Patent Office on March 31, 2003 in response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003. Also, attached is a copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt indicating receipt of the above-mentioned documents on March 31, 2003.

Accordingly, the attached postcard receipt establishes that a timely response was filed in the above-identified application on March 31, 2003.

The Examiner indicated that the IDS (filed concurrently with the attached) was received.

Respectfully submitted,

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Receipt of the following papers is acknowledged:

(2) PTO Fee Transmittal Forms

Amendment w/Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

Information Disclosure Statement

Form PTO-1449 w/(3) references attached

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